WWARA Bylaws

Article I: Name
This organization shall be known as the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association, hereinafter referred to as the WWARA. The term "relay" shall be defined as including repeaters, remote bases and remotely controlled stations, herein after referred to as systems.

Article II: Purpose
The purpose of the WWARA shall be:

a. To furnish system coordination and efficient management of spectrum.
b. To determine and recommend technical and operational standards and policies for amateur radio relay systems.
c. To help minimize radio interference between and among systems users.

Article III: Membership
Membership in the WWARA shall be open to individuals or organizations displaying an interest in amateur radio relay systems.

a. Requirements for regular membership are defined as owners or users of coordinated system(s) and payment of annual dues.
b. The membership period shall be the calendar year, January first through December 31st. Any member with dues lapsed for more than the current year shall be required to apply as a new member. Dues received between January 1 and October 31 will be credited towards the current year dues. Dues received in November or December will be credited towards the following year dues.
c. Application for new membership will be recognized at the current meeting and will have the rights of a regular member at the next regular meeting.

Article IV: Voting
Section 1. The right to vote in matter of WWARA business shall be accorded each regular member.
Section 2. Organizations or individuals operating more than one coordinated system shall have one vote.
Section 3. Each regular member shall exercise their vote through their official representative or via a party specifically so designated by that representative.

Article V: board of Directors
Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of three Officers; Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and four representatives at large.
Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for administering WWARA activities in accordance with the wants and needs of the members subject to the Bylaws.
Section 3. The election of Directors shall take place at the last General Business meeting of the year.
Section 4. The Board of directors shall be elected from WWARA regularly members who are holders of COC. Nominees must be present or submit evidence as to their willingness to serve.
Section 5. Terms of Office:

a. The office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer shall be one calendar year.
b. Representatives shall be two calendar years, with two positions elected each year.

Section 6. Limitation of terms:

a. Representatives shall not be reelected unless the office holder has been appointed by the Board to fill an unexpired term.
b. Officers may be reelected.

Section 7. In the event a Director is unable to complete his or her term for any reason the Board of Directors shall appoint a temporary Director who will serve until the next election.
Section 8. a Director can be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or by a majority of the regular membership.
Section 9. All board of Director actions may be reversed by a majority of the regular membership.
Section 10. Board of Directors members missing three consecutive regular meetings shall be replaced by the Board.

Article VI: Duties of Officers
Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to:

a. Preside over all WWARA meetings.
b. Supervise the activities of all standing committees.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice Chairman to:

a. In the absence of the Chairman preside over all WWARA meetings
b. Be chairman of the Membership Committee

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary - Treasurer to:

a. Keep accurate records of all meetings, correspondence and system data.
b. Perform such secretarial duties as may be requested by the Directors and or Committee Chairpersons.
c. Keep accurate records of all financial transactions of the Association.
d. Performs such financial duties as my be requested by the Directors.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Representatives to assist in the administration and discharging of responsibilities of the Association.

Article VII: Committees

Section 1. The Technical Committee of the WWARA shall be a standing committee of the WWARA. The WWARA Board of Directors shall appoint its members. The function of the Technical Committee shall be to:

a. Advise the Board as to technical matters
b. To assist members of the WWARA in resolving technical maters.

Section 2. The Membership Committee of the WWARA shall be chaired by the Vice Chairman. The function of the committee shall be to:

a. Encourage membership in the Association
b. Maintain a voting security system.

Section 3. The FCC Liaison Committee of the WWARA shall be responsible for interfacing of the WWARA with FCC local, regional and monitoring facilities.

Section 4. Coordinating Committees. The Board of Directors shall appoint a chairman for the following committees:

a. 10 and 6 meters
b. 2 Meters
c. 222 MHz
d. 440 MHz
e. 902 and 1200 MHz

Coordination committees shall keep accurate records of all related coordinations and shall make this information available to the Secretary at anytime.

Section 5. The Board of Directors may establish such other committees and appoint representatives as may me necessary to carry out WWARA business. All committees and representatives shall be responsible to the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Board of Directors may, at any time appoint an audit committee to provide the board with an independent report.

Article VIII: Meetings

Section 1. General Business Meetings.

a. The WWARA shall hold at least 3 General Business meetings per calendar year.

Section 2. Board of Director Meetings.

a. The WWARA shall hold at least 3 Board of Director meetings per calendar year.

Section 3. Written notice of all regular meetings shall be mailed to all members not less than 7 days prior to said meetings.

Section 4. Quorum

a. Quorum for General Business meetings shall be those present.
b. Quorum for Board of Director meetings shall be four Directors.

Section 5. Special Meetings.

a. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or 4 Directors. All effort shall be made to notify all Directors.
b. A Special Business meeting may be called upon written request of 25% of the regular members or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. All Regular Meetings of the WWARA shall be held in public buildings or facilities open to all interested parties. The time and location for all Regular Meetings shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Article IX: Dues and Assessments

WWARA dues and assessments shall be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.

Article X: Affiliations

The WWARA may affiliate with or sponsor such other organizations as the Association may deem appropriate.

Article XI: Binding Actions

All actions passed by a vote of the WWARA within the authority of these Bylaws shall be considered binding on all members as the policy of the WWARA.

Article XII: Disbursement of funds

Should the WWARA disband, the remaining funds from the treasury shall be donated to a nonprofit organization of similar interest, or the American Radio Relay League.

Article XIII: Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at a Regular or Special membership meeting. Notification of intent to amend must be made 7 days prior to the meeting.

Article XIV: Indemnification:

Actions for the behalf of the Corporation by the Directors shall be indemnified to fullest extent allowed by law.